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Reply to Office Action of December 15, 2006

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Yosuke INOMATA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/650,504

Confirmation No.: 6973

Filed: August 27, 2003

For: DRY ETCHING APPARATUS, DRY  
ETCHING METHOD, AND PLATE  
AND TRAY USED THEREIN

Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: Anita Karen  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 15, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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